

A DEPLORABLE ERROR.

THE KILLING OF PRIVATE ROBINSON AT OKLAHOMA CITY.

Mistaken for a Burglar He Was Shot by Claude Richardson, Lumber Dealer.

Fact Admitted at the Trial Before Commissioner Monroe—Robinson Barred With Military Honors.

Some Corn in Oklahoma up Two or Three Inches—Planting Going on Rapidly Since the Crops Have—Suicide of David Bebee at Salina—Minor Western Gossip.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

SIGNAL OFFICE, WICHITA, KAN., April 12.—The highest temperature was 85°, the lowest 50°, and the mean 67°. With high south winds increasing to gentle southwest at night and light increase in pressure, warmer, cloudless weather. The highest velocity of the wind was south at miles per hour about 14 m. Last year, on April 12, the highest temperature was 65°, the lowest 42°, and the mean 53°.

FIELD L. JOHNSON, Observer.

WALL DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12, 9 p. m.—Forecast until 8 p. m. Sunday.

For Missouri—Cooler; southerly winds, becoming variable.

For Nebraska and Kansas—Fair; cooler; northerly winds.

THE KILLING OF ROBINSON.

Richardson's Trial Now on Before Commissioner Monroe.

Special Dispatch to the Daily Eagle. OKLAHOMA CITY, Ok., April 12.—The trial of Claude Richardson, the prominent lumber dealer, for the killing of James Robinson, a colored soldier, last Tuesday night, engaged Commissioner Monroe's court today. The testimony is not all in, and the defendant was admitted to bond for his appearance on Monday. The sympathy of the public is for Richardson. Although he probably deserves censure he surely had no malice and the killing was unpremeditated.

It was developed that James Robinson was a colored lady's home from the Richardson place at night but he was not positive as to the exact place, having been misdirected by a friend. In his uncertainty he ventured about the premises and was shot by Richardson. The affair is the most unfortunate ever occurring here.

Robinson was buried with full military honors, hundreds of soldiers attending to witness the impressive military ceremonies. General Merritt has instructed Captain Stiles, the commander of the troops here, to thoroughly investigate the killing of Robinson. Richardson was turned over to the military authorities for safe keeping. Captain Stiles has telegraphed the attorney general and the interests of the government. He looked after by a United States attorney. There is great interest manifested in the case. Captain Cronk is recovering. He will recover but always be lame.

With the exception of an occasional display of greater or less severity, the past week has been most pleasant for all lines of business. Farmers have, since the crops, been putting in crops very rapidly. Large quantities of corn have been planted and many fields of corn are up two or three inches. The grass covers the entire prairies with a carpet of green.

New residences and business bricks continue to spring up in every direction all over the city. Merchants are having an excellent trade. Indians from the reservations have purchased largely the last week.

Our people are much encouraged over the prospects of immediate territorial legislation and the Kansas Territory has been marked with the first means of positive reliable information except a few words by wire received occasionally.

The Republican club held a meeting to-night and the new officers were installed. Captain A. B. Hammer took his place as president of the club. He finds it thrifty and in good working order. Several important committees were appointed.

A large number of emigrants have arrived this week. They brought with them a large quantity of household goods and implements for settlers to this country.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 12.—The ladies of the G. A. R. of Kansas elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. Emma C. Taylor; vice president, Mrs. Rose Snyder; Orlanah; junior vice president, Mrs. Leona Noyes; treasurer, Mrs. Fanny Harris; chaplain, Mrs. Emma Johnson; Leavenworth; secretary, Mrs. Ella Wade; Topeka; council of administration, Mrs. Wall of Graham; Mrs. Melton of Meriden; Mrs. Farnsworth of Richland; Mrs. two Mrs. Bays of Clyde; Mrs. Lord of Valley Falls; Mrs. Norton of Parsons; Leavenworth; secretary, Mrs. Leavenworth; Mrs. A. E. Frank of Leavenworth.

HANSELL-TYLER.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 12.—Mr. J. Hansell, assistant superintendent of the water service on the Wichita & Western, was married this afternoon to Miss Ella J. Tyler, of this city. They left on the afternoon train for an extended visit east. Many friends will join the wedding party. Rev. S. Miller, of Cairo, officiated at the ceremony.

TRI-WEEKLY SERVICE SUFFICIENT.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 12.—The railroad commissioners today rendered a decision in the case of J. S. Johnson vs. the Missouri Pacific Railway company. The petitioner, residing at Kanopolis, and complained that the company had discontinued its daily train service between Kansas and Kanopolis, running only tri-weekly trains. He was not aided in this petition by anyone else and his prayer was denied.

APPROXIMATE MAN'S SUICIDE.

SEATTLE, Kan., April 12.—David Bebee, a prominent real estate man and old settler of Salina, committed suicide here this morning by shooting himself in the head with a .45 caliber revolver. He was 55 years of age and was a well-to-do man. He was married and had a family. He was a member of the Salina lodge of the Odd Fellows. He was a member of the Salina lodge of the Odd Fellows. He was a member of the Salina lodge of the Odd Fellows.

ELLIS COUNTY DELEGATES.

HANCOCK, Kan., April 12.—The Ellis county Republican convention in session here today elected delegates to the district convention. The majority of the delegates favor David R. Baughman for judge and J. J. Turner for congress.

TOO MUCH POLITICS.

ABILENE, Kan., April 12.—The Dickinson county Farmers Alliance held a long session this afternoon at which it is given out that the delegates will be several thousand delegates. The session of the county presidents in opposing Ingalls was continued.

THE WALKING MATCH ENDED.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 12.—The international six days walking match closed today. The attendance was large throughout the week, and the winner received several thousand dollars. The score at the close was: Herry, 53 miles, 140 laps; Moore, 50 miles, 140 laps, 140 miles, 140 laps; Newcomb, 48 miles, 140 laps, 140 miles, 140 laps; Herry, 45 miles, 140 laps; Herry, 45 miles, 140 laps.

NO POLITICS IN RAILWAY BUSINESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 12.—C. P. Huntington in the course of an interview last night concerning his address made the following statement: "I do not want the public to think I am opposed to Senator Stanford's political success or that I bear any personal hostility to him. Our only differences have arisen from his mixing the company up with politics. This company was organized to build and operate railroads and to have been given good deal too much attention paid to politics. I have been very much opposed to this thing for a long time, and have told Stanford so. About four months ago, when he was in New York, I made a decided protest and told him just what I thought."

BEHIND THE BARS.

TWO NOTORIOUS CROOKS LODGED AT LANSING.

"Chinese Jim" and O'Connell Begin Their Twenty-four Years of State Service.

The Alleged Banders Released on Habeas Corpus Proceedings—Conclusive Affidavits From Michigan.

Mrs. Griffith Serving a Term for Murder at the Bender Epoch—They are Sent Back to Niles, Mich.—Rube Smith Given Ten Years in Prison—The Criminal Calendar.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—The notorious and much dreaded all-around crook "Chinese Jim" or "The Chinaman" passed through Kansas City this morning. After years of crooked work and successful evasion of the officers of the law, "Chinese Jim" is at last in the mill and before noon today was safely behind the bars of the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing. Where he goes to serve out one of the heaviest sentences ever given a convict. "The Chinaman" is one of three crooks who were arrested on the night of February 7 at Wichita, within an hour after robbing the home of R. P. Sturtevant, business manager of the Wichita Eagle. One of his companions in the burglary, and also on today's trip to Lansing, was "Red" O'Connell, whose criminal life rivals that of any ordinary crook in the west. The third robber was a man who has not been identified, but who gave his name as John Murphy.

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